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L.D. 329

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STATE OF MAINE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
122ND LEGISLATURE  
FIRST SPECIAL SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 252, L.D. 329, Bill, "An Act Concerning Recognition of Qualified Political Parties"

Amend the bill in section 1 in paragraph C in subparagraph (2) in the 2nd line (page 1, line 14 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "0.5%" and inserting in its place the following: '1%'

Further amend the bill in section 1 in paragraph C in subparagraph (2) in the 3rd line (page 1, line 15 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "the most current" and inserting in its place the following: 'at least one'

Further amend the bill in section 1 in paragraph C in subparagraph (2) in the last line (page 1, line 17 in L.D.) by inserting after the following: "State" the following: 'in either of the 2 preceding elections'

SUMMARY

This amendment raises the percentage of registered voters a political party would need to have enrolled in order to achieve qualified party status from 0.5%, as proposed in the bill, to 1% according to at least one tabulation of registered voters in either of the 2 preceding elections.

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED  
(See attached)

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT



Approved: 04/04/05 *MAC*

# 122nd MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 329

LR 0231(02)

**An Act Concerning Recognition of Qualified Political Parties**

**Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment *A***

**Committee: Legal and Veterans Affairs**

**Fiscal Note Required: Yes**

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## Fiscal Note

Undetermined current biennium cost increase - General Fund

### Fiscal Detail and Notes

Changing the means by which a political party is recognized could result in significant additional General Fund costs for the Department of the Secretary of State to hold any required primary elections and to prepare necessary ballots and election-related paperwork. The amounts will depend on the additional number of political parties that may become recognized and can not be determined at this time.